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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7321

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECON, ID

SUBJ: EEC - ASEAN RELATIONS

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1. ACCORDING AMBASSADOR WILFREDO VEGA, WHO REPRESENTED PHILIPPINES IN RECENT EC/ASEAN TALKS JAKARTA, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO PURSUE FURTHER TRADE TALKS IN BRUSSELS AFTER SPECIFIC COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS REACHED WITH APC GROUP. THIS WOULD BE LAUNCHED BY PRESENTATION OF A JOINT ASEAN COMMODITY LIST ON WHICH NEITHER COMPOSITION NOR PRIORITIES AMONG ITEMS HAVE AS YET BEEN AGREED.

2. IN JAKARTA MEETING, VEGA SAYS EC (COMMISSIONER SOAMES) MADE COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO WORKING OUT A SCHEME OF REFERENCE PRICES AND REFERENCE QUANTITIES FOR ASEAN COMMODITIES, POSSIBLY INVOLVING REBATES OF THE VARIABLE LEVY OR SOME PORTION THEREOF. IN MEANTIME, AGREEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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APPARENTLY REACHED DURING SOAMES VISIT MANILA EARLIER

THIS WEEK TO CHANGE EC AD VALOREM DUTY ON COCONUT OIL
TO A SPECIFIC DUTY OF 3.4 CENTS PER POUND FOR EDIBLE AND
1.7 CENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL GRADE.

3. FYI. SOAMES IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD ASEAN GROUP IN
JAKARTA THAT EC DID NOT INTEND TO TABLE ANY AGRICULTURAL
ITEMS IN MTN. RATHER EC WILL SEEK NEW AND/OR MORE
COMPREHENSIVE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS ON SUGAR, FATS AND OILS,
HARD FIBERS, ETC. END FYI.
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